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SUBJECT: STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT STATEMENT FOR MY PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS ON JUNE 5. PLEASE CABLE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR EMMENDATIONS YOU MIGHT WISH TO MAKE TO PATTERSON IN AF/S BY YOUR COB MAY 24 IF POSSIBLE, INCLUDING WHETHER SA PROTOCOL CALLS FOR STATE PRESIDENT TO BE ADDRESSED AS MR. STATE PRESIDENT, MR. PRESIDENT, OR YOUR EXCELLENCY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. STATE PRESIDENT:
I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THIS LETTER OF CREDENCE APPOINTING ME AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENI-POTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE PUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. ALLOW ME ALSO, MR. STATE PRESIDENT, TO PRESENT THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECE-
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SSOR, THE HONORABLE WILLIAM G. BOWDER.
AS I ASSUME MY AMBASSADORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES, I AM DEEPLY AWARE OF THE LONG HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND OF THE GREAT VALUE TO BOTH OF THE FREE AND FRANK EXCHANGES OF VIEWS THAT HAVE ALWAYS CHARAC-TERIZED OUR RELATIONS. BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ENDOWED WITH A WEALTH OF MATERIAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

AS WELL AS THE NEED TO FACE UP TO A HOST OF PROBLEMS THAT

STEM FROM CULTURAL AND RACIAL DIVERSITY. MINDFUL OF THE IMPORTANCE AND COMPLEXITY OF THESE FACTORS, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS OF ALL RACES AND HOPE THAT I CAN PLAY A ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING TO BETTER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS REGARD I WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF MY DETERMINATION TO BE AN HONEST AND FAITHFUL COMMUNICATOR BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IN CONCLUDING, MR. STATE PRESIDENT, MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE GOOD WISHES OF THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. END TEXT.

3. DONNA AND I ARE BOOKED TO CAPE TOWN ON SA 341 MAY 28. IF PRESENTATION CEREMONY STILL REQUIRES STRIPES AND CUTAWAY, WHICH I'LL HAVE ALONG, I WILL NEED TO RENT TOP HAT SIZE 7 AND A QUARTER. CHRISTOPHER

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